

# WORSHIP

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
Progressive In Approach: Christlike In Action!

November 21, 2021

## Cosmic ONEness

Pastor Dawn Hutchings, Musician: Marney Curran

Worship Team: Marney Curran, Eric Schultz,

Andrew Slonetsky, Sharon Willan, Jane Winstanley

Welcome:

Prelude: **Moonless Night**

Robert Faith

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Invocation: The Cosmic ONE, the SOURCE of All that IS,  
the MYSTERY who rises in every act of compassion  
and the power of LOVE's flow, is with you all!  
Thanks be to ALL that IS HOLY!

Music: **GOD of the Stratosphere**

words by Jocelyn Marshall

Faithfulness



1. God of the strat - os - phere, sun, moon, and plan - ets, plan - ner, cre - a - tor, of  
2. God the ap - proach - a - ble, clos - er than breath - ing, spir - it in - dwel - ling, our  
7 3. God the in - vis - i - ble, pres - ence all - see - ing, spir - it en - ab - ling, our



func - tion and form, God of the mys - ti - cal, God of the phy - si - cal, felt in the  
strength and our guide, God in - spir - a - tion - al, fo - cus of think - ing, light ev - er  
help - er and friend, God of all hope - ful - ness, nev - er des - pair - ing, const - ant - ly



14 heart - beat of still - ness and storm.  
shin - ing no dark - ness can hide.  
car - ing, whose love has no end.

## Prayer of the Day:

Let us pause, be still so that the ONE in which we live and move and have our being might open us to the vast Cosmic miracle of our ONENess with the SOURCE our being, our ONENess with the Cosmos, our ONENess with the Earth, our ONENess with all Creatures our ONENess with each other.

Alleluia, the outpouring of praise expressed by generations who themselves were awestruck by the grace-filled Cosmos which whirls and swirls beyond our ability to express.

Let Alleluia well up in us and burst from our lips as we express our gratitude for the wonders of life in the ONE who gave us life.

Intricately interwoven creatures of a CREATOR who dwells in us, with us, through us, and beyond us, we are ONE.

Grace upon grace, miracle upon miracles, we join our Alleluia's to the sounds of splendor which emanate from the wind, the waters, the animals, and the hearts of our sisters and brothers which beat with anticipation of DIVINITY's ongoing revelations of LOVE.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! To the ONE who is was and evermore shall be, our LOVER, BELOVED, and LOVE itself! Amen.

## Reading from from St. Thomas Aquinas "The Names of GOD" (1225-74)

Even the very ones who were experienced concerning DIVINITY, such as the apostles and prophets, praise God as the Cause of all things from the many things caused. They praise God as good (Luke 18); as beautiful (Song of Songs 1); as wise (Job 9); as beloved (Song of Songs 5); as God of gods (Ps 50); as holy of holies (Dan. 9); as eternal (Bar. 4); as manifest (Job 14); as the cause of the ages (Eccles. 24); as the bestower of life (Acts 17); as wisdom (1 Cor. 1); as mind or intellect (Ps. 29); as reason (Is. 63: "I who speak justice"); as the knower (2 Tim. 2); as the one possessing in advance all the treasures of universal knowledge (Col. 2); as virtue (1 Cor. 1); as the powerful (Ps.89); as King of kings (Apoc.19); as the Ancient of days (Dan.7); as without age and unchanging (James 1); as salvation (Matt.1); as justice, or as one justifying, as it were, deliverance or redemption according to another translation (1 Cor.1); as magnitude exceeding all things (Job 23); as in the light breeze (3 Kings 19).

And they say that God is even in minds or hearts (Eph.3); in spirits (Wis. 7); and in bodies (1 Cor.6); in heaven and on earth (Jer.23); and at the same time in the same place, that is with regard to the same material, they say that the same one is worldly, and is, in the world (John 1); involved in the world (Eccles.24); above the world (Is.66); and supercelestial, or above the heavens (Ps.113: "The Lord on high above the nations whose glory is above all the skies"); supersubstantial (Matt.6); the sun (Mal. 4); a constellation, that is, a star (Apoc. 22); fire (Deut. 4); water (John 4); air (Joel 2); and dew (Hos.14); cloud (Hos.6); stone Ps. 118); rock (1 Cor. 10); and all the other beings attributed to God as cause.

And the DIVINE ONE is none of these being insofar as GOD surpasses all things.

**Song of Praise:**

**We Come from the Cosmos**

Text: William L. Wallace

1. We come from the Cos - mos that birthed our Earth. Each  
2. We form — but one fam - ily, who share one flesh. There

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part of that pro - cess still nur - tures Earth. Our home is this  
is — but one Na - ture, who forms our — flesh. We are — but one

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plan - et that we call Earth For Earth is God the Pres - ence a -  
per - son of Spi - rit flesh, For Earth is God the Pres - ence a -

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dorned in cos - mic flesh, The shad - ow of the mys - ter - y who  
dorned in Na - ture's flesh, The shad - ow of the mys - ter - y who

19  
is both host and guest.  
is both host and guest.



**Reading from the Mystic Mechtild of Magdeburg (1207-94)**

"The day of my spiritual awakening was the day I saw and knew  
I saw all things in God and God in all things.  
I who am Divine am truly in you.  
I can never be sundered from you:  
However far we be parted, never can we be separated.  
I am in you and you are in Me.  
We could not be any closer.  
We two are fused into one, poured into a single mold.  
Thus, unwearied, we shall remain forever."

**Acclamation: O GOD We Call**

The image shows a musical score for the acclamation "O GOD We Call". It is written in 4/4 time and consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "O God we call, O God we call, from deep in-side we yearn, from deep in-side we yearn, from deep in-side we yearn for you." The score includes various chords such as Csus2, C, F, Am, and Fsus2. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the lyrics.

**Gospel**

**John 1:1-5**

In the beginning there was the WORD;  
the WORD was in GOD's presence,  
and the WORD was GOD.  
The WORD was present to GOD  
from the beginning.  
Through the WORD  
all things came into being,  
and apart from the WORD  
nothing came into being  
that has come into being.  
In the WORD was life,  
and that life was humanity's light—  
a Light that shines in the darkness,  
a Light that the darkness has never overtaken.

**Reflection: ONE with the LOVE which permeates the Cosmos**

**Song of the Day: As ONE**

WORDS: Gretta Vosper; MUSIC: UNE JEUNE PUCELLE

**Before we came into the world  
before our lungs drew air,  
around us wrapped the sea of life,  
its waters everywhere.  
Before we ever knew “apart”  
we heard the beating of one heart.  
Out of one sea we came into one world.  
May we ever be as ONE.**

**Through all the world we have dispersed,  
to every island come.  
We’ve built our lives and families  
on land we now call home.  
Yet we forget there are no walls  
upon a planet loved by all.  
Out of one sea we came into one world  
May we ever live as ONE.**

**Tomorrow does not build itself;  
it, by our hands, is made.  
Through care and justice might we all  
its great foundations lay.  
We’ll set aside the tools of yore  
And build with love forevermore  
Out of one sea we came into one world  
May we ever dream as ONE.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Jane Winstanley

SOURCE of all that has been, all that is, and all that will be.

We give thanks for life in all its many forms, for the cycle of birth, death and resurrection.

For the changing seasons each with its particular beauty.

WE give thanks for all scientists: meteorologists, astronomers, oceanographers, naturalists and those who devote themselves to understanding the world in its amazingly varied forms. We give thanks for those who dedicate their lives and are passionate about protecting this planet. People like Jane Goodall, David Suzuki and David Attenborough and Jacques Cousteau.

May we pay attention to and learn from their studies, recognising the interconnectedness of the universe.

Draw all humankind together to work as one.

Inspire us to change our hearts, minds, and actions, respecting every living thing as sacred. Give us the humility we lack so we accept our small place in this great universe and work to restore and regenerate the earth.

Give us integrity so our actions are in harmony with our knowledge.

You have given us a longing for a life we have forgotten, one in which all parts work together for the good of each other.

You have given us a yearning for peace on earth, peace between each species, peace with all nations and peace within ourselves.

May it be so.

Eric Schultz

It is an unfortunate truth that often our visceral, emotional or spiritual reaction to a situation is related to our own person experiences, often directly connected or parallel to the situation.

My prayers this day acknowledges this natural inclination but also pushes me to think, feel, and love within and beyond – toward oneness.

CREATIVE SOURCE, through the faith of the farming families of my heritage there is a deep grounding with the Earth, its resilience and amazing ability to provide the necessities of life.

Care for soil, crops and livestock is woven into the fabric of agricultural stewardship.

I pray for those whose life passion and livelihood is and will continue to be impacted by the floods in southern British Columbia.

The loss of livestock, crops and infrastructure is a loss of a part of the soul of a farmer.

And yet I know where there is loss there you are: in the shared tears and fears, in the offering of shelter and space, in the care of another's livestock and livelihood.

Helping - healing, loving - ONENESS.

I pray for those living in drought conditions throughout the world, where scarcity of water means no crops, no livestock, no livelihood.

I pray with gratitude for Canadian Lutheran World Relief and other agencies responding to the needs and the hopes.

India, Ethiopia, Brazil, Jordan, Spain, Greece, ... the list goes on and on. Antarctica is the only continent not experience drought in some severity.

May I continue to be moved to not see it as merely lists, but as brothers and sisters bound together in ONENESS.

Water is life, so much so it is one of the first things mentioned in Genesis. On this planet it is also a source of our oneness.

May we take prayer-filled action to respond in ways large and small; moving as one – with many parts. Amen.

Andrew Slonetsky

Occasionally I have felt as though I have gotten glimpses of God that seemed truer, bigger, and at the same time... simpler.

It has been in these moments that I've felt inexplicable peace as I realized in a new way that I too was part of this incredible story and expression of love from the ONE who is LOVE.

Love expressed in nature ever evolving more and more magnificently.

Love that is capable of including all of the human story as a journey ultimately evolving to manifest love more completely.

May we come to understand that we are all expressions of love and... that we are works in progress...

May we learn to pay attention to those moments when the crack opens for us to glimpse a fuller understanding of who we are and where we might be ready to grow next. As there isn't a single particle in this universe that didn't come from the same source from which we have come, may we be filled with this awareness of connection and perhaps help others to become more accepting of themselves as loved, wonderfully made and part of this ultimate, cosmic LOVE Story.

Sharon Willan

HOLY ONE. HOLY ONENESS, NAME UNNAMED. You dreamed, "Let there be Light", and in one electrically charged nanosecond a spark of light exploded, flowing forth into and across the dark empty void, filling it with INCARNATION, your WORD made flesh.

For billions of years your word has echoed, creating everything from one Source. We have been inextricably embedded with each other, all creation, and with You. We are one Cosmic Union - Common Union - Communion.

HOLY DANCING MYSTERY, we cannot understand this miracle of LIFE, this super-abundant GIFT. We can only be still, silent, filled with awe and gratitude.

But, we forget too easily...

How then, WEeping CREATOR, can we bear the suffering and misery of so many people, so many species of wildlife, so much destruction of this GIFT freely given?

Immigrants fleeing from brutal regimes, from devastating effects of climate change, mudslides, flooding, wildfires, children wandering alone and lost, women and young girls sold into the slavery of the sex trade, and the list seems to be endless...

How can we hate the "other", when there is no "other"-there is only one cosmic unity all coming from the same one SOURCE of LIFE?

Indigenous Peoples explain this perfectly in the phrase, All Our Relations, including all of Creation.

May we learn to be still and sit in silence to hear that infinite spark of energy running through us, binding us together as one.

May we lean into each other, supporting and holding the grief, while working to end all strife. Wendell Berry once wrote, "Be joyful though you have considered all the facts." Hopeful and Hoping Mystery, may we learn to see the larger vision of the Cosmos and realize we are such a small blue planet in this deep flowing LIGHT. May we be still and know you are our SOURCE of Light and Life. May we become LOVE with all our relations. Amen.

## **Prayer as Jesus taught:**

**Holy One**

**Your many names are holy**

**May your presence prevail everywhere  
and in our hearts**

**Give us daily bread for body, mind and spirit**

**Cover us with your compassion**

**and open our hearts to all our sisters and brothers**

**Guide our steps on the journey**

**and surround us with your love**

**Holy One**

**You abide with us, now and forever. Amen**

**Music: Limitless LOVE: GOD of Infinity**

Words: William L. Wallace



1. God of in - fi - ni - ty, God of hu - man - i - ty, Giv - er, Cre - a - tor, your  
2. Give us the faith that your pres - ence is ev - ery - where as it has been with your  
3. Give us the hope that your king - dom will come on earth; blood - shed, op - pres - sion and  
4. Give us the great - est of all of your at - trib - utes, char - i - ty bound - less, that  
5. God un - i - vers - al and God of the per - son - al, Source of all wis - dom, Sus -



like - ness we seek: faith, hope and char - i - ty blend - ed in un - i - ty,  
saints through the years: faith that moves moun - tains, en - cour - ag - ing, streng - then - ing,  
fam - ine will cease; hope that your chil - dren will live in tran - quil - i - ty,  
seeks no re - ward; love un - con - dit - ion - al, love that is lim - it - less,  
tain - er and Friend, Spi - rit in - tang - i - ble, in - comp - re - hens - i - ble,



guid - ing our act - ions, the words that we speak.  
bind - ing to - geth - er, dis - pel - ling our fears.  
con - flict be end - ed, the world be at peace.  
love like the wine of the Sac - ra - ment poured.  
Love with - out lim - it and Life with - out end.

**Blessing:**

May the LIGHT which shines, which flickers, which dances,  
caress you and cajole you into joining in the dance,  
so that you too may hear crackling and hissing,  
rising to a crescendo of gentle clapping,  
as the COSMIC ONE applauds you as you dance,  
as you LOVE, as you live this GRACE-filled gift which is life.  
Let it be so, you wonderful cosmic particles of the ONE  
in whom we all live and move and have our being.  
The ONE who IS our LOVER, BELOVED, and LOVE ITSELF,  
thanks be to all that is HOLY.

**Postlude: Moonlight Mood**

W. L. Gillock





**CHAT about faith  
in the here and now!**

**Tuesday NOV. 23  
10am over Zoom**

# **Prophetic Spirituality**

**Our CHAT will be inspired by a contemporary  
voice of WISDOM: Joan Chittister**

visit [www.holycrosslutheran.ca](http://www.holycrosslutheran.ca)

to view the video which will inspire our CHAT

## **Parables of DIVINITY**

### **Join Us for Worship**

**Online Worship** videos posted 8am Sundays

can be viewed anytime @ [www.holycrosslutheran.ca](http://www.holycrosslutheran.ca)

**In-Person Worship** 10:45am Sundays

@ 1035 Wayne Dr. Newmarket, ON.

**November 28 through December 24 we will explore  
the parables of DIVINITY'S birth among us.**

## Financial Report - General Fund January - OCTOBER, 2021

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Jan-OCTOBER BUDGET</b>	<b>Jan- OCTOBER ACTUAL</b>
Online Donors	\$10,000.00	\$14,336.28
Registered Donors	\$78,652.07	\$48,135.03
<b>TOTAL OFFERINGS</b>	<b>\$88,652.07</b>	<b>\$62,471.31</b>
Solar Panel Income	\$7,500.00	\$7,555.64
Fundraising	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gifts	\$416.66	\$200.00
Interest	\$0.00	\$31.55
Government Payroll Subsidy	\$8,000.00	\$11,584.48
Rental: Armitage Daycare	\$10,750.00	\$10,750.00
Online Program Fees	\$3,333.30	\$0.00
Online Resource Fees	\$2,083.30	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Income:	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Sub-Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$120,735.33</b>	<b>\$92,592.98</b>
<b>2020 Surplus Carried forward</b>	<b>\$10,664.73</b>	<b>\$10,664.73</b>
<b>Bridge Loan Draw</b>	<b>\$4,166.66</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$135,566.72</b>	<b>\$108,257.71</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES to OCT. 31, 2021</b>	<b>\$133,316.58</b>	<b>\$111,943.69</b>
<b>NET LOSS as of OCT. 31, 2021</b>		<b>-\$3,685.98</b>

# OFFERINGS:

There are several ways to ensure that we are able to continue meeting our commitments.

**You can mail in your offerings:**

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
1035 Wayne Drive  
Newmarket, On. L3Y 2W9

**You can sign up to our Preauthorized Remittance Program PAR**  
contact our Treasurer Sharon Smyth who will guide you

You can go to Holy Cross' **CanadaHelps** page to donate just follow the link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/36983>

# E-transfer

**You can now transfer funds via email to:**  
**[holy.cross.donations@rogers.com](mailto:holy.cross.donations@rogers.com)**

## CARE TEAM:

We are doing our best to connect with our HC Family. We are grateful that at the moment we have more volunteers than we need. This will serve us well in the coming weeks. Soon, we will be creating a phone chain to ensure that we all stay connected. If you need help, or simply a conversation, **PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE** to leave a voicemail on the church phone: 905-898-1682 – we are checking these messages 3 times a day. So, someone will get back to you ASAP.

**You can also call Pastor Dawn directly on her cellphone 905-868-0897.**

**Make sure you are on our MAILING LIST**  
**so that we can send you all the Zoom Links**  
**We want to see your smiling face as often as possible!**  
**Send an email to: [holycrossnewmarket@bell.net](mailto:holycrossnewmarket@bell.net)**  
**and we will be sure to send you all our news!**